

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Lyme

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31

1954

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

RALPH W. BALCH

Supervisors of the Check List

HAROLD C. WEBB

HARRY A. ELLIOTT

ARTHUR B. CHESLEY

Town Clerk

PEARL M. DIMICK

Selectmen

KENNETH E. ELDER

Term Expires in 1955

ALLEN L. COLE

Term Expires in 1956

CHARLES M. SEARS, JR.

Term Expires in 1957

Treasurer

PEARL M. DIMICK

Overseer of the Poor

KENNETH E. ELDER

Tax Collector

CHARLES E. TUPPER

Highway Agent

CHESTER D. PIKE

Trustees of Trust Funds

ALLEN L. COLE

Term Expires in 1955

CHARLES M. SEARS, JR.

Term Expires in 1956

EVERETT B. RICH

Term Expires in 1957

Library Trustees

LUCY KING	Term Expires in 1955
ELMER FULTON	Term Expires in 1955
GUY E. NICHOLS	Term Expires in 1955
MARTHA E. LAMPHERE	Term Expires in 1956
DORCAS CHAFFEE	Term Expires in 1956
RALPH W. BALCH	Term Expires in 1956
PAULINE WHITTEMORE	Term Expires in 1957
JULIA MAYO	Term Expires in 1957
FLORENCE SESSLER	Term Expires in 1957

Budget Committee

EARL C. PERKINS	Term Expires in 1955
EVERETT B. RICH	Term Expires in 1955
GLEN BUZZELL	Term Expires in 1955
RALPH A. LAMPHERE	Term Expires in 1956
CHARLES E. DIXON	Term Expires in 1956
RAYMOND H. BALCH	Term Expires in 1956
MILLARD R. ULINE	Term expires in 1957
DONALD RECORD	Term expires in 1957
RALPH W. BALCH	Term Expires in 1957

Police Officers

HERBERT I. PERKINS	CLARENCE PUSHEE
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Chief of Fire Department

HARRY P. FRANKLIN

Auditors

HARRIS C. PUSHEE	GRANT P. BALCH
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School Board

ARTHUR E. DERBY	Term Expires in 1955
ROBERT G. CHAFFEE	Term Expires in 1956
GRANT P. BALCH	Term Expires in 1957

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyme in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Church Hall in said Lyme on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what action the Town will take upon the budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
4. To see what compensation the Town will allow its officers and what price will be paid for work on the highways for the ensuing year.
5. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before November 1, 1955, at the same rate as the Town pays for money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.
7. To see if the Town will discontinue the Town Road from Frederick King's to Frederick Wagner's home.

8. To see if the Town will close the Town Road between the Hewes Brook Road (Town Dump) and the River Road, running N. W. at the Ross McKenney property.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

KENNETH E. ELDER,
ALLEN L. COLE,
CHAS. M. SEARS, JR.,

Selectmen of Lyme

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

KENNETH E. ELDER,
ALLEN L. COLE,
CHAS. M. SEARS, JR.,

Selectmen of Lyme

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LYME, N. H.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, '55, to December 31, '55
Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year		Actual Revenue Previous Year		Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year	
	1954		1954		1955	
From State						
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,600.00	\$	\$ 3,145.53	\$	\$ 2,800.00	
Railroad Tax	1,150.00		1,099.83		1,100.00	
Savings Bank Tax	30.00		42.99		40.00	
Reimbursement						
Growing Wood and Timber	1,500.00		840.77			
Class 5 Highway Maint.	1,778.38		1,778.38		1,775.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes						
Dog Licenses	440.00		439.90		440.00	
Interest rec. on taxes & deposits			313.50			
Income of departments						
Highway, inc. rental of equip.	100.00		40.00		100.00	
Fire			315.50			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,500.00		4,000.42		4,000.00	
Sale of Town Property			27.12			
Yield Tax			171.50		1,000.00	

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes

Poll Taxes, reg. @ \$2

National Bank Stock Taxes

Total Revenues from all sources
except Property Taxes

Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes
exclusive of School Taxes

Total revenues

750.00	744.00	800.00
3.00	11.00	10.00
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\$12,851.38	\$12,970.44	\$12,065.00
		21,229.63
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		\$33,294.63

Budget Continued

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries
 Town Officers Expenses
 Election, Registration Expenses
 Exp. Town Hall, other town bldgs.

Protection of Persons & Property

Police Dept.
 Fire Dept.
 Blister Rust
 Insurance
 Forest Fires and Tools

Health

Health Dept, incl. hospitals
 Town dump, garbage removal

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	2,400.00	1,898.11	2,400.00
Town Officers Expenses	500.00	569.56	500.00
Election, Registration Expenses	150.00	218.53	100.00
Exp. Town Hall, other town bldgs.	130.00	61.23	100.00
Police Dept.	175.00	105.76	150.00
Fire Dept.	1,000.00	1,010.15	1,450.00
Blister Rust	400.00	399.95	400.00
Insurance	150.00	360.38	50.00
Forest Fires and Tools	75.00	348.94	100.00
Health Dept, incl. hospitals	200.00	11.00	
Town dump, garbage removal	100.00	98.00	200.00

Highways and Bridges

Town maintenance, summer	7,000.00	7,630.54	6,500.00
Town maintenance, winter	5,000.00	5,729.76	4,500.00
Street lighting	585.00	585.00	600.00
Duncan Fund			1,775.00

Libraries

	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,200.00
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Public Welfare

Town Poor	500.00	626.82	500.00
Old Age Assistance	3,600.00	3,423.59	3,600.00

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day, Vet.'s Associations	100.00	70.00	100.00
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Recreation

Recreational Council			125.00
Parks, playgrounds, inc. band con.	325.00	346.51	225.00

Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries	150.00	99.18	100.00
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Unclassified

Town Reports	375.00	375.00	300.00
Advertising, Regional Assn.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Employees' Retire., Soc. Security	250.00	363.71	350.00

Interest

On temporary loans	117.00	252.29	250.00
On long term notes & bonds	105.00	87.50	70.00

Highways and Bridges

Culverts	500.00	623.74	800.00
Bridges	1,700.00	841.62	
St. Aid construc., town's share	830.74	830.74	758.81

New Equipment

Fire Department			1,490.76
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Payment on Principal of Debt

Bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payments to Capital Res. Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Payments to other Gov. divisions:			
County taxes	2,482.88	2,482.88	2,500.00
Total expenditures	\$33,275.62	\$33,825.49	\$33,294.63

Allen L. Cole,
Glen R. Buzzell,
Donald L. Record,
Millard Uline,
Ralph A. Lamphere,
Robert G. Chaffee,
Ralph W. Balch
Raymond H. Balch,
Everett B. Rich,

Budgett Committee

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF LYME

April 1, 1954

Land and Buildings		\$1,156,130.00
Electric Plants, Land, etc.		76,392.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	102	3,060.00
Cows	651	41,935.00
Neat Stock	129	6,130.00
Sheep and Goats	75	745.00
Hogs	5	90.00
Fowl	2021	1,008.00
Boats and Launches	30	900.00
Portable Mills	2	300.00
Road Machinery	3	9,000.00
Wood and Lumber		24,100.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,650.00
Stock in Trade		15,550.00
Mills and Machinery	4	5,500.00
Aqueducts		1,700.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions		\$1,344,190.00
Less: Veterans' exemptions		57,000.00
Net valuation on which tax rate		
is computed		\$1,287,190.00
Number of veterans who received		
property exemption		61
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax		84
Rate of taxation per one hundred dollars		\$4.60

BALANCE SHEET

As Of December 31, 1954

Assets	
Cash on hand	\$21,841.87
Capital Reserve Fund (fire truck)	1,624.32
Accounts Due the Town:	
From State:	
Bounties	\$186.50
Forest Fires	7.73
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	194.23
Yield Tax, 1954	1,046.94
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	\$2,378.39
Levy of 1953	1,719.20
Levy of 1952	941.38
Levy of Prior Years	1,307.52
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	6,346.49
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	\$ 188.09
Levy of 1953	62.43
Head Taxes, 1954	440.00
Head Taxes, prior years	65.00
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	756.52
Total Assets (exclusive of Town Property)	<hr/> \$31,810.37
Excess of Liabilities over and above Assets	<hr/> 1,590.33
	<hr/> \$33,400.70
Liabilities	
1954 Head Tax due State	\$ 440.00
Due to School District	25,845.62
Balance on fire truck:	
In Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,624.32
Accounts Payable	1,490.76
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	3,115.08
Bonds, Due 1955 and 1956	4,000.00
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	\$33,400.70

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Refunding Bonds — 1941

Interest Rate — $1\frac{3}{4}\%$

Amount of Original Issue	\$34,000.00
Date of Issue	July 1, 1941
Principal Maturity Date	July 1
Payable at Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, N. H.	

Date Due	Amt. of Bonds	Interest	Total
January 1, 1955		\$ 35.00	35.00
July 1, 1955	\$2,000.00	35.00	2,035.00
January 1, 1956		17.50	17.50
July 1, 1956	2,000.00	17.50	2,017.50
Total Payable at Maturity	4,000.00	105.00	4,105.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Received for Automobile Permits:

20—1953 Permits	\$ 62.33
558—1954 Permits	3,938.09

\$4,000.42

Received for Dog Licenses:

172 Dogs	\$ 382.50
6 Kennels (55 dogs)	93.00

\$ 475.50

Less fees of Clerk

35.60

439.90

Total Receipts

\$4,440.32

Total Payments to Treasurer

4,440.32

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Levy of 1954

Dr.

Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$59,215.34
Poll Taxes	808.00
Yield Taxes	1,218.44
Added Taxes	16.76
Added Polls	8.00
Interest Collected	126.52
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Total Debits	\$61,393.06

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$58,854.42
Poll Taxes	654.00
Yield Taxes	171.50
Discount Allowed	211.39
Abatements	140.20
Interest Collected	126.52
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	\$60,158.03

Uncollected:

Property Taxes	42.09
Poll Taxes	146.00
Yield Taxes	1,046.94
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Total Credits	\$61,393.06

STATE HEAD TAX

1954 Levy

Dr.

Original Warrant	\$2,455.00
Added	20.00
Penalties Collected	4.00
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Total Debits	\$2,479.00

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer	\$2,005.00
Abatements	30.00
Penalties Collected	4.00
Uncollected	440.00
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Total Credits	\$2479.00

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1954	\$ 330.00
Added 1953 in 1954	30.00
Penalties Collected	27.00
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Total Debits	\$ 387.00

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Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 275.00
Abatements	30.00
Uncollected	55.00
Penalties Collected	27.00
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Total	\$ 387.00

Collections — Previous Years

Property Taxes	\$ 32.46
Yield Taxes	1,587.67
Head Taxes	20.00
Penalties Added	2.00
Poll Taxes	84.00
Interest Collected	12.70
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	\$1,738.83

Tax Sales Redeemed to Town

1948 Sales	\$ 50.94	Interest	\$ 45.20
1949 Sales	116.24		42.48
1950 Sales	76.75		11.52
1951 Sales	147.39		30.36
1952 Sales	294.81		37.47
1953 Sales	418.54		13.25
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	\$1,104.67		\$180.28
Total Remitted to Treasurer, 1954		\$65,147.06	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER,

Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Cash on hand December 31, 1953	\$ 20,033.12
Total Receipts	96,122.16
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	\$116,155.28
Total payments	94,313.41
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Cash on hand December 31, 1954	\$ 21,841.87

Receipts

Property Taxes, 1954	\$58,843.42	
Poll Taxes, 1954	654.00	
Yield Taxes, 1954	171.50	
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1954	11.00	
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		59,679.92
From Town Clerk		
(See Report)	\$ 4,440.32	
Property and Yield Taxes,		
Prior years	1,587.67	
Poll Taxes, previous year	90.00	
Tax Sales redeemed	1,142.97	
Interest on Taxes	313.50	
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		7,574.46
From State:		
Interest & Dividend Tax	\$3,145.53	
Railroad Tax	1,099.83	
Savings Bank Tax	42.99	
Reimbursement a/c Timber		
Exemption	840.77	
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		5,129.12
From Capital Reserve Fund		2,397.31
Temporary borrowing in antici-		
pation of taxes		19,000.00
Head Taxes collected for state		2,341.35
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Total Receipts		\$ 96,122.16

Payments

Town Officers' Salaries:

Chas. S. Demarest, selectman	\$ 40.00
Kenneth E. Elder, selectman	325.00
Chas. M. Sears, Jr., selectman	139.00
Allen L. Cole,	209.50
Chas. E. Tupper, tax collector	676.46
Pearl M. Dimick, clerk-treas.	466.95
Chester A. Hobbs, selectman	5.00
Grant P. Balch, auditor	25.00
Harris C. Pushee, auditor	25.00
Ralph W. Balch, moderator	10.00

\$ 1,921.91

Town Officers' Expenses & Supplies:

Selectmen's Expense	\$ 58.63
Tax collector's expense	124.75
Town clerk's expense	14.90
Officers' bonds	108.00
Telephone	78.85
Supplies	184.43

569.56

Election & Registration Expense:

Harry A. Elliott, supervisor	\$ 45.00
Harold C. Webb, supervisor	35.00
Arthur B. Chesley, supervisor	35.00
Ralph W. Balch, moderator	10.00
Perley G. Ward, ballot clerk	10.00
Fred W. Grant, ballot clerk	10.00
Frank H. Bailey, ballot clerk	10.00
Chas. R. Jackman, ballot clerk	13.75
Rent of Hall	53.00

221.75

Expenses of Town Buildings:

Electric wiring,	
Recreation Building	\$ 49.73
Lighting, Recreation Bldg.	11.50

61.23

Police Department:

Clarence L. Pushee,		
Services and expense	\$ 56.48	
Herbert I. Perkins,		
Services and expense	50.44	
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Fire Department:

Treasurer	\$1,000.00	
Telephone	10.15	
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	\$1,010.15	

Less:

Reimbursements:

Town of Norwich	\$ 40.00	
Town of Thetford	275.50	
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	315.50	

	694.65	
Payment on new fire truck	2,195.62	
Forest Fires (see report)	241.85	
Town Poor (see report)	626.82	

Bounties:

Paid by selectmen	\$ 161.50	
Less State reimbursement	106.00	
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		55.50

Health:

Pre-School Clinic	11.00
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Town Road Aid, River Road	830.74
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Town Road Maintenance:

See report of agent \$13,360.30

Less:

Class 5 highway
maintenance \$1,778.38

Town of Dor-
chester 40.00

Sale of pipe 27.12

1,845.50

11,514.80

Bridges and Culverts:

Steel beams purchased \$ 746.36

Culverts purchased 536.04

Chester D. Pike 182.96

1,465.36

Street Lights

585.00

Library (see report)

1,275.00

Old Age Assistance

\$3,884.50

Less state reimbursement 460.91

3,423.59

Patriotic Purposes:

Band \$ 70.00

Flags 33.75

103.75

Parks and Playgrounds:

David Fowler, labor \$ 170.48

Zelma Bates, labor 23.60

Theodore Gaulin, labor 23.60

Supplies 7.96

Band concerts 125.00

350.64

Cemeteries:

David Fowler, labor	\$ 42.48	
William Lailer, labor	9.44	
Supplies	14.14	
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Advertising Expense:

D. - L. S. Regional Assn.		100.00
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Indebtedness:

2 \$1,000 long term bonds	\$ 2,000.00	
Borrowing in anticipation of taxes	19,000.00	
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Interest:

On bonded debt	\$ 87.50	
On temporary loans	252.29	
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Town Dump

100.00

Unclassified:

County Tax	\$ 2,482.88	
Capital Reserve Fund (fire truck)	1,000.00	
White Pine Blister Rust	399.95	
Town Reports	375.00	
Social Security	328.77	
Taxes bought by Town	2,378.39	
Treasurer of School	36,100.00	
Insurance, Fire Dept.	148.19	
Insurance, Other	212.19	
Head Taxes paid to state	3,026.50	
	<hr/>	46,451.87

Total Payments

\$94,313.41

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Labor:	Summer	Winter	Total
Chester D. Pike	\$ 657.26	\$ 409.46	\$ 1,066.72
Charles C. Pike	1,358.40	986.70	2,345.10
Walter J. Piper	1,516.90	1,099.80	2,616.70
Lawrence Hart	817.74	362.26	1,180.00
Zelma Bates	349.38	260.94	610.32
Others	33.70	56.38	90.08
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Total Labor	\$ 4,733.38	\$ 3,175.54	\$ 7,908.92
Truck Rental,			
Chester D. Pike	1,138.00	848.00	1,986.00
Other trucks, shovels,			
bulldozer & hone			
rentals	334.50	170.80	505.30
Tractor repairs		1,119.23	1,119.23
Gravel, Dump road	570.00		570.00
Plank and Lumber	594.32		594.32
Parts and Supplies	237.24	406.04	643.28
Electricity	16.00	8.00	24.00
Bank Service charges	7.10	2.15	9.25
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Total	\$ 7,630.54	\$ 5,729.76	\$13,360.30

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Had more bridges to repair this year besides the regular maintenance work.

Bridge on road from Gamage farm to Hanover Center had three steel stringers on it. Had to buy three more 15 inches by 22 feet long at a cost of \$.09¾ a pound, \$188.35; plank, \$100.00; labor, \$47.68.

For the Grant bridge on Dorchester Road, we bought six steel stringers, 12 inches by 30 feet long at a cost of \$554.28; plank, \$125.00; labor, \$47.68.

The bridge by Walter J. Piper's needs a new abutment very badly. I have talked about this bridge plenty but as yet have not been able to get money enough to repair it.

CHESTER D. PIKE,

Road Agent

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

D. M. Pond & Son, town aid	\$147.13
Perry Mativia, town aid	146.17
Grafton County Farm, town aid	187.47
Dr. W. F. Putnam, town aid	34.70
Gove's General Store, town aid	35.10
D. M. Pond & Son, tramps	23.85
Connecticut Valley Electric Co., lights	22.40
Kenneth E. Elder, telephone, mileage and expense	30.00
Total	<hr/> \$626.82

KENNETH E. ELDER,

Overseer

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Fire at Lewis Warren's	\$155.93
Damages paid to Lewis Warren	100.00
New tools	61.96

Training Meeting and Checking Dump Three Times

Kenneth E. Elder, warden	\$ 15.90
Harry Sanborn, deputy warden	7.48
Dean LaMott, deputy warden	5.67
Lawrence Gray	1.00
Don Elder	1.00
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	\$348.94
Less State Reimbursement	107.09
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	\$241.85
Number of Permits issued	33

KENNETH E. ELDER,

Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Raymond Balch	Harry Sanborn
Willis Claflin	Dean LaMott
William Day	C. Ross McKenney

LYME TRUST FUNDS
As of December 31, 1954

Principal per Town Report Jan. 1, 1954		\$13,894.00
Capital Gains:		
Fidelity Fund distribution	\$122.40	
Sale 406 shs. Eaton & Howard	989.75	

1,112.15
500.00

New funds created

Principal, Dec. 31, 1954 \$15,506.15

Investments:

773 shs. Fidelity Fund at cost	\$15,140.10
Dartmouth Savings Bank	366.05

\$15,506.15

Income Account

Balance per Town Report Jan. 1, 1954 \$ 643.89

Dividends — Eaton & Howard \$121.80

Dividends — Fidelity Fund 606.61

Savings Bank interest 24.35

Contributions 8.00

760.76

\$ 1,404.65

Expenses:

 Labor:

 David Fowler \$444.47

 Zelma Bates 74.40

 Theodore Gaulin 35.40

554.27

David Fowler, rental horse and mower 146.40

Bank Service charges 3.45

Nichols Hardware 10.78

Social Security taxes 11.27

Lyme School District (share of income) 155.54

Total expenses \$ 881.71

Balance Income Account Dec. 31, 1954 \$ 552.94

Income averaged 5.42% on invested funds

To save excessive printing costs, detailed Trust Fund tabulations are omitted from the Town Report. The trustees will give details of any Fund upon request.

EVERETT B. RICH,
ALLEN L. COLE,
CHARLES M. SEARS, JR.

Trustees

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 46.91
Town appropriation	1,000.00
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	\$1,046.91
Payments:	
Pay of Firemen	\$332.00
Insurance	190.75
Telephone and lights	136.15
Fuel oil	153.39
Gas, oil and truck expense	75.59
Other supplies	103.32
Social Security, postage and bank charges	31.91
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	1,023.11
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Balance Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 23.80

Out-of-Town Service — Paid to Town of Lyme
Town of Thetford \$275.50

Number of Calls in 1954

Chimney Fires	13
Dump Fires	2
Garage and Home	2
Out of Town	5
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LYME TOWN LIBRARY **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Receipts

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 2.35
Town appropriation	1,275.00
Interest on Dartmouth Savings	
Bank Funds	31.21
Fines	23.00
Individuals who purchased books through the library	7.21
Utility Club for graduation book award	5.48
William Geiger, in memory of Henry Pushee	5.00
Florence Sessler, in memory of Mrs. Bertha Newman	5.00
Mary Roberts memorial fund	30.50
To replace damaged books	3.62
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	\$1,388.37

Expenditures

Mrs. R. A. Miles, librarian	\$ 150.00
Mrs. Mary Dixon, assistant libra- rian	30.00
Books	492.18
Magazines	42.90
Supplement and binder for World Book	4.50
American Library Association	6.00
Library supplies	39.27
Janitor	27.10
Care of grounds	26.65
Maurice Crawford, painting	67.00
Oil	178.62
Electricity	49.95
Ralph Balch, insurance	218.38
Boisvert's Oil Burner Service	5.40
Lyme Aqueduct Company	18.00
Clark Company, plaque	7.80
Checking account service charge	9.35
Maintenance supplies	7.10
Mrs. R. A. Lamphere, postage	5.10
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	1,385.30 3.07
Funds in Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$1,388.37 \$1,078.81

MRS. R. A. LAMPHERE,
Treasurer

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

A Comparison of 1953 and 1954 Circulation

At Lyme Plain, adult readers increased in books of fiction by 87 books, or 5%. Increase in non-fiction, 108 books, or 12%. Grades One through Eight have read 4,892 books of fiction, an increase of 25%, and 1,642 books of non-fiction (poetry, history, geography, biography), an increase of 32% over last year.

Lyme Center readers borrowed 582 additional books this year, an increase of 39% over last year.

Chesley School has a record of 519 books this year, 218 more than last year.

Up-to-date books make a big difference in the vitality of a library. Readers who keep pace with the best-seller lists may borrow most of the "best sellers," fiction or non-fiction, soon after they come out. We have plenty of books on "how-to-do-it subjects" like cooking, dress-making, tray painting and hobbies.

Today, when television is supposed to be ruining our reading habits, Converse Free Library is enjoying its biggest reading boom.

Circulation of Books — 1954

Lyme Center	2,080
Chesley	519
Lyme Plain	9,178
Total	11,777

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RALPH A. MILES,

Librarian

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF LYME TOWN LIBRARY

Lyme Town Library is a growing institution, as evidenced by the Librarian's report. The circulation figures for 1954 are the highest recorded during its history of service to the community.

1954 was the first full year in which library service was available in the Chesley district. The increased demand for books, especially by younger readers, which has been recorded by many libraries all over the country, was felt most keenly in that area. However, the branch library at Lyme Center and the library at Lyme Plain also show healthy increases in circulation.

Again, we are indebted to the State Library for its Bookmobile service and for the many books loaned to us through its Extension Service, which supplement the purchases of our own library. The cooperation of volunteer P.T.A. librarians has made possible the successful continuance of our school program.

Special exhibits of interest during the year were those in observance of National Book Week and United Nations Day.

Book awards, recognizing excellence in the use of the Library — in choice of books, use of reference material and general cooperative attitude — were given at the graduation exercises in June to Jeanne Sansbury and Inez Reed, members of the graduating classes of Lyme Plain and Lyme Center schools.

A total of 60 gift books was received in 1954. Thirty of these were memorials.

Considerable research was done, during the past year, by various interested persons, on the history of library service in the Town of Lyme. Some of this material appeared in the "Valley News," in one of a series of articles about libraries in this area, but the record is still incomplete. The trustees would be grateful if the citizens of the town would search their attics and their memories for information of any sort, however fragmentary, which would contribute to it.

In this search, will you be alert to discover a copy of Professor Goldthwait's article, "The Town That Went Downhill"? The copies now owned by the Library are too worn to be circulated. This article is now out of print, but still of interest to many people.

The Library appropriation recommended by the Budget Committee for this year, while less than that for 1954, includes, beyond the appropriation of \$1000 for normal Library expenditures, an item of \$200 to cover the cost of painting the interior. This has not been done since the Library was built in 1936.

In point of service to the community, Lyme Town Library ranks very high among comparable institutions in the state. Last year's record of increased use of Library facilities indicates that there is more to be done in this direction, a challenge which the trustees will try to meet with your continued support.

Much of the success of the Library program depends on the large amount of time contributed by the volunteers who work in it, and the gifts of books and magazines which we receive. Our Librarian, is, of course, indispensable, but funds for her reimbursement are small and she, too, devotes many extra hours to her job. To her, and to all the "friends of the Library," the trustees express their appreciation for the invaluable interest and aid which they have given during the past year.

The Trustees of
Lyme Town Library

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Library

Land and Building	\$15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00

Police Department

Land and Building	200.00
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Fire Department

Land and Building	2,000.00
Equipment	7,000.00

Highway Department

Land and Building	500.00
Equipment	8,000.00

Schools

Land and Buildings	18,500.00
Equipment	3,000.00

Miscellaneous

Recreation Building	800.00
Commons	3,000.00

\$62,500.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

Lyme, N. H.

January 30, 1955

This certifies that we have this day examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Tax Collector, Highway Agent, the Treasurer of the Trust Funds, the Treasurer of the Library, and the Treasurer of the Fire Department for the year 1954 and find all correctly cast and each item supported by its proper voucher.

HARRIS C. PUSHEE,

GRANT P. BALCH,

Auditors

LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Mr. Grant P. Balch	1957
Mr. Robert G. Chaffee	1956
Mr. Arthur E. Derby, Secretary-Chairman	1955

Treasurer

Mildred M. Grant

Superintendent

Arthur E. Pierce

Teachers

January 1, 1955

Chesley I - VIII	Mrs. Augusta H. Downs
Center V, VI, VII, VIII	Mrs. Charlotte Perkins
Center I, II, III, IV	Mrs. Margaret W. Young
Plain VII, VIII	Roger J. Williams
Plain V, VI	Mrs. Dorothy Messier
Plain III, IV	Mrs. Arlene B. Rich
Plain I, II	Mrs. Bertha L. Woodward
Mus'c (All Schools)	Mrs. Jane MacGinnis

School Nurse

Henrietta Higginbotham

Graduating Class of 1954

Morton Russ Bailey	Irene Dorothy Pushee
George LeRoy Buzzell	Virginia Lee Pushee
Thomas Dupree	Judith Choate Putnam
Madelene Evelyn Estes	Inez Reed
Joyce Ann Fields	Jeanne Rosa Sansbury
Nancy Lee Hart	Richard James Small
Sylvia Marie Johnson	Ann Louise Wood
Rebecca Piper	

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, S.S.

School District of Lyme

To the inhabitants of the School District of Lyme qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Church Hall on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, 1955, at 1:30 p.m., to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To choose Agents, Auditors, Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant and fix their salaries.

Article 7. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36.50 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 8. If the foregoing article is adopted to see if the school district will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the School District treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 10. To see what the School District wishes to do in regard to the report of the School Improvement Committee.

Article 11. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. Government and/or State agencies.

Article 12. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to enter into a contract with out of state and/or New Hampshire school districts as necessary for the education of the children of the Lyme School District.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Grant P. Balch,
Robert G. Chaffee,
Arthur E. Derby
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Grant P. Balch,
Robert G. Chaffee,
Arthur E. Derby,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1953
and Ending June 30, 1954

Receipts

State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	\$11,269.45
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	34,900.00
Other Sources:	
Trust Funds	136.55
Other	42.27
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Total Net Receipts from all sources	\$46,353.27
Cash on Hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1953	91.67
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Grand Total	\$46,444.94

Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual) Receipts and Gross Transactions

Total Net Income, plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$46,444.94
Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, "In and Out" Transactions Between Districts	000.00
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Total Gross Income	\$46,444.94

Payments

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 266.00	
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	460.14*	
Tax for State Wide Supervision	440.00	
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel	411.08	
Supplies and Expenses	369.43	
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		\$ 1,946.65

INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries	\$18,615.50	
Books and Other Instructional Aids	640.97	
Scholars' Supplies	683.27	
Supplies and Other Expenses	238.91	
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		\$20,178.65

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Salaries of Custodians	\$ 1,492.25	
Fuel or Heat	843.61	
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	350.22	
	<hr/>	2,686.08

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs and Replacements		1,249.24
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health Supervision	\$ 499.74	
Transportation	4,771.25	
Tuition	12,713.96	
Special Activities and Special Funds	35.85	
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FIXED CHARGES

Retirement	\$ 1,155.47	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	244.11	
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

New Equipment		732.88
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Total Net Payments for all purposes	\$46,213.88
Cash on Hand at end of year June 30, 1954	231.06

GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$46,444.94
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**Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual) Expenditures
and Gross Transactions**

Total Net Payments, plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1954	\$46,444.94
Payments Refunded or Returned, Payments made on Centralized Purchasing for Other Districts	000.00
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Total Gross Payments	\$46,444.94
*Hanover \$3,051.83, Enfield \$924.37, Orford \$488.66, State \$2,500.00	

Balance Sheet June 30, 1954

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1954	\$ 231.06
Accounts Due to District From Town or City	1,734.24
Total Assets	\$ 1,965.30
Grand Total	\$ 1,965.30

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Hinkson Paper Company	\$ 59.15
Ginn and Company	21.75
American Book Company	23.48
Denoyer Geppert Company	22.24
Total Liabilities	\$ 126.62
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	1,838.68
Grand Total	\$ 1,965.30

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$ 91.67
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$34,900.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	11,269.45
Received as Income from Trust	
Funds	136.55
Received from Other Sources	47.27
Total Receipts	46,353.27
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$46,444.94
Less School Board Orders Paid	46,213.88
Balance on Hand June 30, 1954	\$ 231.06

MILDRED M. GRANT,
District Treasurer

July 21, 1954

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Lyme, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

J. ALBERT WOOD, JR.

ALBERT W. PUSHEE,

Auditors

July 21, 1954

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Lyme:

I present herein my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Lyme. Because of the short time that I have been here, the report is necessarily somewhat superficial.

I am proud to be associated with the Lyme schools and with Supervisory Union #22. I hope that I may be able to carry forward the good work that has characterized the schools under my predecessor, Mr. Howard Mason.

Lyme is fortunate in its present school staff. I am impressed with the work that its members are doing. I sincerely hope that we may retain them, for, with the teacher shortage becoming increasingly acute, they would be most difficult to replace.

Recreation Program

A constructive forward step has been made in the improvement and enlargement of the recreation and athletic program. In his report to me, Mr. Roger Williams, principal, has reported on the program as follows:

"At the Plain School, new outdoor recreational facilities were added. A volleyball court was constructed in the rear of the building by the school children and new basketball backboards were put up through the generosity of the P.T.A., although the students again contributed the time and tools.

"A new recreation program was initiated at the Plain School in hopes of occupying its students' minds with healthful and wholesome entertainment as well as developing in them a sense of sportsmanship and healthful living. With this end in mind, a boys' touch football team was organized and an intramural boys' and girls' volleyball was inaugurated. Lessons in how to play volleyball were also given to the third and fourth grade rooms. A boys' and girls' basketball team was started for winter recreation. These boys and girls have thus far played several games with neighboring schools. For the people not interested in playing basketball, a skating and sliding

area with supervision has been established. The area was donated for school use by an interested citizen. A spring program of volleyball, softball, and baseball is being planned."

Teachers' Salaries

I am very much concerned about the salaries being paid the Lyme teachers. As Mr. Mason pointed out in his 1954 - 55 report, Lyme has been fortunate in having teachers who, because of residence or other factors, were willing to teach in Lyme rather than go where they could earn more money. The supply of such teachers is, however, not inexhaustible. If any of them should leave, it would be extremely difficult to replace them.

The following shows the average salary for full time New Hampshire teachers for the year 1954 - 55, as compared with the 1954 - 55 average for the Lyme teachers, excluding the principal:

	State Average 1954 - 1955	Lyme Average 1954 - 1955
Grades 1-8 (Women)	\$3,141.00	\$2,712.50

A two hundred dollar increase for each teacher is recommended in the 1955 - 56 budget. This will be a step in the right direction, but will still not put Lyme in a good position to compete for teachers.

I recognize that without increased State or Federal aid, increases in the budget add a further burden to the now too heavy real estate tax. I strongly recommend, however, that prior to the making of the 1956-57 budget, a committee made up of citizens, representatives of the School Board, and representatives of the teachers, make a thorough-going study of the salary situation.

The School Buildings

I would point out, too, that the teachers and pupils, particularly in the Plain School, are working under difficult conditions. It is generally agreed that classes should not exceed 25 when there is one grade to a room. Yet, as of January 7, 1955, there were 40 pupils in the first and second grade room, 27 in the third and fourth, 22 in the fifth and sixth, and 24 in the seventh and eighth.

The upper grade classes are not too bad, the third and fourth grade class not too good, and the first and second grade class very much too big. The situation in the latter will, of course, be reflected in the upper grades as the children progress.

In addition, the toilets and the classroom space are inadequate. In the second floor rooms, the teachers and pupils work under bad heating arrangements.

I am very glad that a committee is at work studying the school building situation. I sincerely hope that the boys and girls and the teachers of Lyme will have better working conditions in the not too distant future.

Improvements have been made in the buildings during the year. Some much needed painting has been done. The Plain School now has what seems to be an adequate water supply. The 1955-56 budget calls for further painting, repairs and equipment that will make for added improvement.

Conclusion

Particularly because I am a newcomer, I wish that this report could present a brighter picture. I know that the Board and the citizens of Lyme want good schools. Your tax burden is already heavy. I would, however, be doing less than my duty if I did not present you with the facts as I see them.

I am deeply appreciative of the cordial reception, the help and the cooperation that I have received from the teachers. I look forward to meeting more of the parents and citizens. To you, the members of the Board, I express particular thanks for your help, counsel and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. PIERCE,
Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT IN THE LYME SCHOOLS AS OF JANUARY, 1955

School	Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot.
Plain	Woodward	20	20							40
	Rich			13	14					27
	Messier					12	10			22
	Williams							17	7	24
Center	Young	7	7	4	3					21
	Perkins					4	6	6	5	21
Chesley	Downs	3	4	1	2	3	1	2	1	17

ENROLLMENT BY YEARS AS OF JANUARY

	Plain	Center	Chesley	Total
1955	113	42	17	172
1954	110	43	17	170
1953	101	40	12	153
1952	102	35	5	142
1951	95	39	20	154
1950	97	35	21	153
1949	98	33	18	149
1948	120	19	14	153

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955 - 1956

Schools open	Wednesday, September 7
Teachers' Convention	Thursday and Friday, October 13 and 14
Thanksgiving Vacation	Schools close Wednesday, Nov. 23 (12:15)
Schools Reopen	Monday, November 28
Christmas Vacation	Schools close Friday, December 16
Schools Reopen	Monday, January 2
Winter Vacation	Schools close Friday, February 17
Schools Reopen	Monday, February 27
Spring Vacation	Schools close Friday, April 20
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 30
Memorial Day	Wednesday, May 30
Schools Close	Friday, June 15

Total: 180 days

LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES ITEM

	Actual Expendi- tures 1953 - 54	Adopted Budget 1954 - 55	Actual Expendi- tures July 1 to Dec. 31, '54	School Board's Budget 1955 - 56	Budget Com.'s Budget 1955 - 56
Administration					
Salaries of district officers	\$ 266.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 274.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	460.14	432.02	453.27	486.12	486.12
Tax for state wide supervision	440.00	394.00	394.00	440.00	440.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	411.08	394.40	35.00	443.08	443.08
Supplies and expenses	369.43	419.00	204.14	498.97	498.97

Instruction

Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	18,615.50	20,350.00	7,888.42	21,900.00	20,500.00
Books, other instruction aids, elementary	640.97	650.00	262.27	650.00	650.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	683.27	650.00	669.15	720.00	720.00
Supplies, other expenses, elementary	238.91	270.00	119.94	325.00	325.00

Operation of School Plant

Salaries of custodians, elementary	1,492.25	1,505.00	675.50	1,505.00	1,505.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	843.61	820.00	524.24	845.00	845.00
Water, light, supplies, expenses, elem.	350.22	590.00	159.22	605.00	575.00

Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs & replacements, elementary	1,249.24	750.00	1,127.12	2,379.00	935.00
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Auxiliary Activities

Health supervision, elementary	499.74	525.00	197.91	640.00	640.00
Transportation, elementary	4,771.25	5,310.00	2,084.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
Tuition, high	12,513.96	15,780.00	7,618.32	18,295.00	16,340.00
Tuition, elementary	200.00	200.00		200.00	200.00
Spec. activities & spec. funds, elem.	35.85	85.00	86.04	160.00	160.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement, elementary	1,155.47	1,233.75	416.85	1,599.64	1,500.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elem	244.11	231.00		252.00	252.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$45,481.00	\$50,663.17	\$22,945.39	\$58,517.81	\$53,589.17

Capital Outlay

Lands & new buildings, elementary		200.00			
Additions, improvements, elementary				413.00	413.00
New equipment, elementary	732.88	360.00	300.03	434.00	434.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	732.88	560.00	300.03	962.00	847.00
Budget Deficiency				1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCH. APP.	\$46,213.88	\$51,223.17	\$23,245.42	\$60,679.81	\$55,636.17

RECEIPTS ITEM

Balance (actual or estimated)
State aid
Trust funds
Other

	Actual Receipts 1953 - 54	Adopted Budget 1954 - 55	Actual Receipts July 1 to Dec. 31, '54	School Board's Budget 1955 - 56	Budget Com.'s Budget 1955 - 56
	\$ 91.67	1,700.00	231.06		
	11,269.45	10,256.77	10,256.77	10,256.77	10,256.77
	136.55	135.00		135.00	135.00
	47.27	20.00	.50	20.00	20.00
TOT. REC'TS. OTHER THAN PROP. TAXES	\$11,544.94	\$12,111.77	\$10,488.33	\$10,411.77	\$10,411.77
DIST. ASSESSMENT RAISED OR TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	34,900.00	* * * * *	39,111.40	50,263.04	45,224.40
TOT. APPROP. VOTED BY SCH. DIST.	\$49,855.83	* * * * *	\$51,223.17	\$60,679.81	\$55,636.17

Marriages Registered in the Town of Lyme for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence	Age Occupation	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. of Marriage Condition Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom Married
Mar. 5	Vershire, Vermont	Charles A. Blanchard Barbara I. Drew	W. Fairlee, Vermont Lyme	25 Miner 19 Unemployed	W. Fairlee, Vt. Charlestown N. H.	Charles Blanchard Hazel Rogers Leslie Drew Irene Blake	Norwich, Vt. Tunbridge Vermont Fairhaven Mass. Claremont	1 S Nelson Bettinger, Clergyman, Vershire, Vermont 1 S
May 29	Lyme	James A. Movelle Beatrice H. Gray	Lyme Lyme	22 Carpenter 22 Sales Clerk	Lyme Lyme	William Movelle Mildred Gilbert Harry Gray Hazel Staples	Mass. Lyme Maine N. H.	1 S Leon Morse, J. P. Lyme 1 S
Sept. 19	Lyme	George A. Dix Bernice Rothney	Plainfield, Vermont Somerville, Mass.	38 Road Comm 48 Waitress	Vermont Quebec	Arthur L. Dix Dorothy Bancroft Alexander Rotheney Mary Ross	Vermont Vermont Canada Canada	1 S Edwards H. Dickinson Clergyman, Lyme 1 S
Sept. 17	Lyme	Wilfred O. Guitar Theresa L. Dube	Lyme Lebanon	22 Plumbing 20 Clerk	Lyme Lebanon	Harry Guitar Margaret Gray Merrill Dube Yvonne Dion	Canada Lyme Lyme Canada Vermont	1 S Rev. Leon Morse, J. P. Lyme 1 S
Nov. 15	Hanover	Lawrence F. Braman Margaret R. Boyd	Lyme Hanover	42 Farmer 39 Home	Mass. N. H.	Clarence Braman Eva Lawrence William Boyd Henrietta Rennie	Mass. New York Canada	1 S Guy E. Mossman, Clergyman, West Lebanon, N. H. 1 S
Dec. 17	Haverhill	Edward J. Hudson Etta Mae Melendy	Woodsville Lyme	32 Laborer 23 Housewife	Vermont Lyme	Alfred Hudson Mattie Dunn Earl H. Pike Myrtle Coates	Vermont Vermont Lyme Canada	3 D Luigi Castello, J. of P. Bath, N. H. 2 D
Nov. 24	Hanover	Paul R. Nunn Olive M. Goodhue	Claremont Lyme	33 Teacher 33 Bank Teller	Mass. Canada	Robert A. Nunn Laura M. Jarvis Frederick Goodhue Edith Pierce	Ontario New York Canada Mass.	3 D Harland G. Lewis Clergyman, Hanover 1 S
June 6	Thetford, Vermont	Carlton G. Bacon Ruth M. Emerson	Lyme Thetford	23 Air Force 24 Clerk	Norwich, Vt. Piermont	George W. Bacon Mina H. Hill Frank Emerson Edith Blanchard	Vermont Quebec Bradford, Vt. Piermont	1 S Edwards H. Dickinson, Clergyman, Lyme 1 S

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief and knowledge.

PEARL M. DIMICK, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Male	Female	No. of children living	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Res. of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 18	Lebanon	Shelia Mae	X	X	L14	Herman T. Chesley	Virginia Mae Bowen	Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme N. Easton, Mass.	Burlington, Vt.
Jan. 23	Haverhill	Robert John			L4	Thomas R. Randall	Esther Lord	Lyme	Mill Worker	Boston, Mass.	
Feb. 16	Hanover	Dale Robert	X	X	L8	John E. Fields	Meda P. Roberts	Lyme	Laborer	Lebanon	Lyme
Mar. 7	Haverhill	Betsy Ann	X	X	L11	Charles A. Blanchard	Barbara I. Drew	Lyme	Miner	Strafford, Vt.	Charlestown
Mar. 9	Hanover	Stephen Corbett	X	X	L2	Charles A. Hewes	Louise A. Cutting	Lyme	Farmer	Hancock, Mass	25 19
Mar. 23	Hanover	James Alfred	X	X	L5	Dean S. Pushe	Vera A. Movelie	Lyme	Lumberman	Fairlee, Vt.	34 25
Apr. 17	Haverhill	James Ernest	X	X	L4	Weymouth H. Pike	Helen M. Marsh	Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	34 35
June 8	Lyme	William Henry	X	X	L4	Harley G. Gallup	Ella C. Johnson	Orford	Carpenter	Wentworth	26 21
Aug. 31	Haverhill	Nancy Lee			L3	Raymond A. Melendy	Etta M. Pike	Lyme	Laborer	Minneapolis, Minn.	38 33
Sept. 22	Hanover	Linda Belle	X	X	L2	Hugh B. O'Donnell	Joan Pushee	Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	27 23
Oct. 2	Lebanon	Gary Michael	X	X	L7	Kenneth C. Dimick	Verla M. Perkins	Lyme	Farmer	Vershire, Vt.	27 21
Oct. 7	Lebanon	Allen Delma	X	X	L2	David R. Berry	Barbara Snelling	Lyme	Laborer	Wheelock, Vt.	36 28
Aug. 5	Texas	Gregory Allen	X	X	L2	Thomas E. Jenks	Doris H. Balch	Burkburnett, Texas	USAF	N. H.	32 30
Nov. 16	Lebanon	Christopher Peter	X	X	L4	Edward F. Jenks	Edith M. Record	Lyme	Truck Driver	Hanover	23 21
Dec. 15	Lyme	Ronald Lee	X	X	L2	Emerson G. Woodward	Ruth Gray	Lyme	Trucking	Hanover	24 22
Dec. 25	Hanover	Holly Ivis			L3	Lincoln W. Jenkins	Marjorie Woodward	Lyme	Laborer	Hanover	27 24
July 7	Lebanon	Dorothy Jean	X	X	L5	Richard H. Gray	Oliver Thompson	Lyme	Fireman	Lyme	29 28
July 14	Hanover	Emily Louise	X	X	L6	George Tattersall	Bertha Wells	Lyme	Unemployed	Littleton	32 36
Apr. 8, 1898	Lyme	Adeline Mae	X	X	L1	George Langmaid	Josephine Goodell	Lyme		Montpelier, Vt.	29 27

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Lyme for the year ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name & Surname of Deceased	Age	Occupation	Male Female	Single, Married or Widowed	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Feb. 5	Lyme	Adelia L. Stocking	89	Physician	X	W	Macomb, Ill.	Abram Stickie	Sarah Metcalf
Feb. 14	Lyme	Henry S. Pushee	75	Farmer	X	W	Lyme	Alfred W. Pushee	Edna Steele
Feb. 26	Lyme	Elmer W. Cutting	60	Sawyer	X	M	Whittingham, Vt.	Lewis A. Cutting	Effie Reed
Mar. 8	Hanover	Harvey H. Balch	87	Retired	X	M	Taftsville, Vt.	Hiram Balch	Unknown
Mar. 9	Hanover	Edwin Chandler	83	Farming	X	S	Hanover	William Morrill	Lillian Chamberlain
Mar. 30	Hanover	Lillian Balch	67	None	X	M	Hartland, Vt.	William Irvine	Lucinda Yearance
April 3	Hanover	Frances Irvine	89	None	X	S	Hackensack N. J.	Wendell Dennis	Myrtle Gibson
April 19	Hanover	Steven Dennis	87	Farmer	X	M	Lebanon	Harvey Cadwell	Frances Coburn
May 6	Lyme	Louis Cadwell	78	Machinist	X	M	Franklin	George Stevens	Ella Morrison
May 24	Lyme	William M. Stevens	88	Housewife	X	M	S. Woodbury, Vt.	Thomas Rickard	Sally Handcock
June 11	Haverhill	Nettie Morrill	74	Laborer	X	S	N. H.	Henry K. Hall	Roystine Grant
June 19	Concord	Perley Hall	82	None	X	S	Lyme	Edwards Dickinson	Marjory Stocking
Sept. 19	Lyme	Elizabeth Dickinson	1	Furniture Refinishing	X	W	Guildhall, Vt.	Frank Flinn	Maria Willis
Oct. 7	Lyme	Frank Flinn	73	Not Given	X	M	Quebec	Mr. Rappuhn	Unknown
Oct. 10	Hanover	Bertha Neumann	67	Farming	X	M	Germany	Joseph Thompson	Annie Devey
Oct. 25	Lyme	William H. Thompson	59	Machinist	X	M	—	George McAlister	Charlotte LeLearn
Nov. 19	Concord	Ralph J. McAlister	81	None	X	S	Lyme	Marcus Donaldson	
		Charles Donaldson							

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